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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM MINISTER YAMANI'S ALLEGED STATEMENTS ON
ARAB NEXT STEPS

THE FOLLOWING TEL FROM JIDDA DATED NOV 26, 1973
TO SECSTATE WASHDC INFO ABU DHABI ALGIERS AMMAN BEIRUT COPENHAGEN DHA
RAN
KHARTOUM KUWAIT LONDON MANAMA MOSCOW PARIS
ROME RABAT SANAA TEHRAN TEL AVIV TRIPOLI AND TUNIS IS REPTED:

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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD
DEPT PASS CAIRO
KUWAIT PASS DOHA AND MUSCAT

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1. I TOLD SAUDI MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR PRINCE
FAHAD TODAY THAT I DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW EXACTLY
WHAT PETROLEUMMINISTER AHMAD AZKI YAMANI HAD
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SAID IN COPENHAGEN BUT THE PRESS REPORTS WERE

INFLAMMATORY. IF THEY WERE TRUE, I THOUGHT THE MINISTER HAD OVER-REACTED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. PRINCE FAHAD SAID HE AND THE KING WERE DISTURBED AND ANGERED. YAMANI HAD NO AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY SUCH STATEMENTS AND HE (FAHAD) AND THE KING HAD TELEPHONED YAMANI IN DENMARK. YAMANI DENIED VIGOROUSLY MAKING ANY OF THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM AND SAID HE HAD THE TELEVISION TAPES TO PROVE IT.

3. I SAID I WAS GRATIFIED TO LEARN THIS AND LET THE MATTER DROP. I DO NOT INTEND TO PURSUE IT FURTHER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: YAMANI HAS SAID BEFORE THAT SAUDI ARABIA COULD LIVE VERY NICELY ON 20 PERCENT OF ITS SEPTEMBER PRODUCTION, WHICH OF COURSE IS TRUE. HE HAS ALSO SAID BEFORE WHEN ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF INVASION OF SAUDI ARABIA BY THE U.S. OR ITS SURROGATES THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT COULD HAPPEN; THE USG WAS NOT COMPRISED OF FOOLS AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS KNOW THAT ANY ATTEMPT AT INVASION WOULD RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE DESTRUCTION OF THE OIL INSTALLATIONS AND THE FIRING OF WELLS. I SUSPECT YAMANI DID NOT GO MUCH BEYOND THESE STATEMENTS, BUT FOR THE RECORD, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF EMBASSY COPENHAGEN COULD SEND ME THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE INTERVIEW. IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO HAVE REPORTS ON ANY FURTHER YAMANI STATEMENTS OR MEDIA APPEARANCES DURING HIS CURRENT TOUR OF EUROPE.
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